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March 3rd. 1942.

His Excellency Franklin D. Roosevelt.,  
President of the United States of America.  
The White House.,  
Washington.D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

May I take the liberty of encroaching on your valuable time and that of your staff at the White House? Mindful of the critical days the nation is now passing through, I do so only because the prerogative of your high office alone can decide my difficult and singular situation.

Permit me to outline as briefly as possible the circumstances of my position, the solution of which I feel could so easily be achieved should you feel moved to give your kind intercession and decision.

I am the nephew and only descendant of the ill-famed Chancellor and Leader of Germany who today so despotically seeks to enslave the free and Christian peoples of the globe.

Under your masterful leadership men of all creeds and nationalities are waging desperate war to determine, in the last analysis, whether they shall finally serve and live in an ethical society under God or become enslaved by a devilish and pagan regime.

Everybody in the world today must answer to himself which cause they will serve. To free people of deep religious feeling there can be but one answer and one choice, that will sustain them always and to the bitter end.

I am one of many, but I can render service to this great cause and I have a life to give that it may, with the help of all, triumph in the end.

All my relatives and friends soon will be marching for freedom and decency under the Stars and Stripes. For this reason, Mr. President, I am respectfully submitting this petition to you to enquire as to whether I may be allowed to join them in their struggle against tyranny and oppression?

At present this is denied me because when I fled the Reich in 1939 I was a British subject. I came to America with my Irish mother

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principally to rejoin my relatives here. At the same time I was offered a contract to write and lecture in the United States, the pressure of which did not allow me the time to apply for admission under the quota. I had therefore, to come as a visitor.

My mother, having been rendered stateless by the Austrian authorities, left me with no British kith or kin and all my relatives are Americans.

I have attempted to join the British forces, but my success as a lecturer made me probably one of the best attended political speakers, with police frequently having to control the crowds clamouring for admission in Boston, Chicago and other cities. This elicited from British officials the rather negative invitation to carry on.

The British are an insular people and while they are kind and courteous, it is my impression, rightly or wrongly, that they could not in the long run feel overly cordial or sympathetic towards an individual bearing the name I do. The great expense the English legal procedure demands in changing my name, is only a possible solution not within my financial means at present. At the same time I have not been successful in determining whether the Canadian Army would facilitate my entrance into the armed forces or whether I am acceptable to them. As things are at present and lacking any official guidance, I find that to attempt to enlist as a nephew of Hitler is something that requires a strange sort of courage that I am unable to muster, bereft as I am of any classification or official support from any quarter.

As to my integrity, Mr. President, I can only say that it is a matter of record and it compares somewhat to the foresighted spirit with which you, by every ingenuity known to statecraft, wrested from the American Congress those weapons which are today the Nation's great defense in this crisis. I can also reflect that in a time of great complacency and ignorance I tried to do those things which as a Christian I knew to be right. As a fugitive from the Gestapo I warned France through the press that Hitler would invade her that year. The people of England I warned by the same means that the so-called "solution" of Munich was a myth that would bring terrible consequences. On my arrival in America I at once informed the press that Hitler would loose his Frankenstein on civilization that year. Although nobody paid any attention to what I said, I continued to lecture and write in America. Now the time for writing and talking has passed and I am mindful only of the great debt my mother and I owe to the United States. More than

anything else I would like to see active combat as soon as possible and thereby be accepted by my friends and comrades as one of them in this great struggle for liberty.

Your favourable decision on my appeal alone would ensure that continued benevolent spirit on the part of the American people, which today I feel so much a part of. I most respectfully assure you, Mr. President, that as in the past I would do my utmost in the future to be worthy of the great honour I am seeking through your kind aid, in the sure knowledge that my endeavours on behalf of the great principles of Democracy will at least bear favourable comparison to the activities of many individuals who for so long have been unworthy of the fine privilege of calling themselves Americans. May I therefore venture to hope, Mr. President, that in the turmoil of this vast conflict you will not be moved to reject my appeal for reasons which I am in no way responsible?

For me today there could be no greater honour, Mr. President, to have lived and to have been allowed to serve you, the deliverer of the American people from want, and no greater privilege then to have striven and had a small part in establishing the title you once will bear in posterity as the greatest Emancipator of suffering mankind in political history.

I would be most happy to give any additional information that might be required and I take the liberty of enclosing a circular containing details about myself.

Permit me, Mr. President, to express my heartfelt good wishes for your future health and happiness, coupled with the hope that you may soon lead all men who believe in decency everywhere onward and upward to a glorious victory.

I am,

Very respectfully yours,

/s/ Patrick Hitler

Patrick Hitler.

505-West 142nd. Street  
New York.

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Mr. P. E. Foxworth  
Assistant Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
607 U. S. Court House, Foley Square  
New York, New York

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Re: WILLIAM PATRICK HITLER  
Internal Security - G  
Special Inquiry - White House

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are copies of a letter dated March 3, 1942 addressed to the President by the subject in which he petitions for intercession in assisting him in gaining admission to the armed forces of this country. The circular referred to therein is merely an advertisement issued by William B. Peakins, Incorporated, 500 Fifth Avenue, New York, listing his lecture topics, "My Uncle Adolf", "The Mystery of Rudolf Hess", and "What The German People Are Thinking", and setting forth his background as follows:

"Born in England to Hitler's half-brother Alois and an Irish mother, he was educated in English schools and did not meet his celebrated uncle until 1929 at the Nuremberg Congress of the Nazi Party. In 1933 William Patrick Hitler went to live in Germany and during the next six years was under the constant surveillance of Hitler himself and such dignitaries as Rudolf Hess and Ernst Wilhelm Bohle, in charge of all Germans living abroad and director of Fifth Column activities. Jailed during the "blood purge" of 1934, young Hitler was released through the intervention of British diplomatic officials.

He worked in the Opel automobile plant but was prevented from pursuing an engineering and sales career by a Fuhrer who considered him disloyal. Young Hitler was frequently called on the Chancellors carpet and given unmistakable warning against revelation of Hitler's family life, and his freedom to seek

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Mr. P. E. Foxworth  
New York

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employment was curbed at every turn. A devout Catholic, he never subscribed to Nazi doctrines and observed with horror the attacks upon his Church. Finally, in 1939, he was told that he must accept German citizenship, but he slipped out of the Third Reich across to England where he met his mother and with her departed for America.

His story of the Nazi regime is unique, for he brings testimony of the true character of Hitler and his jealous rivals. Constantly threatened with Gestapo reprisal for his indiscretion, William Patrick Hitler has chosen to tell the truth of Hitler's background, his strange assortment of actress and young men friends, the cabals which surround Der Fuhrer, the reaction of the German people to the barbarism of the Nazi Party machine."

For your further information, there are transmitted herewith copies of a memorandum dated November 29, 1941 summarizing information in the Bureau's files concerning the subject, and of a memorandum of the same date summarizing data available concerning his mother, Irida Elizabeth Hitler. These memoranda were prepared pursuant to the request of the Immigration and Naturalization Service which was at that time considering applications for extension of temporary stay submitted by Hitler and his mother. Since that date, no pertinent supplementary data have been received other than a letter of inquiry from an official of a civic group which was contemplating employing subject's services as a speaker, in which the correspondent stated that inquiry at the British Embassy in Washington, D. C. elicited advice that "Mr. Hitler was OK".

Pursuant to the request received from the White House, I desire that you immediately institute an investigation of this individual to determine his background, activities, associates and loyalties. It is suggested that he be discreetly thoroughly interviewed for pertinent data.

You will, of course, realize the necessity for expeditious completion of this investigation, and I shall accordingly expect you to assign it immediately upon receipt of this letter for the exclusive attention of an experienced agent.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Major General Edwin M. Watson  
Secretary to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear General Watson:

This will acknowledge receipt of your memorandum dated March 14, 1942, concerning the petition of William Patrick Hitler, nephew of the German Reichsfuhrer, to the President for assistance in gaining admission to the armed forces of this country. I am returning herewith the letter addressed to the President by Hitler and the enclosure mentioned therein, copies having been made for the completion of our files.

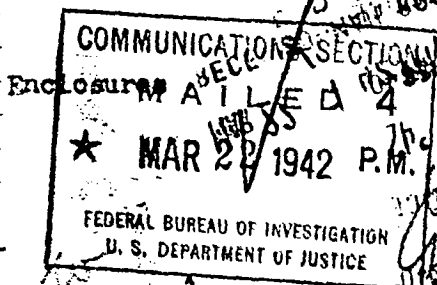
Pursuant to your suggestion, I have issued instructions that Hitler be interviewed for complete data concerning himself, and that appropriate investigation be made to determine his activities and loyalties. I shall make the resultant data available to you in the near future.

You may be interested to know at this time that although William Patrick Hitler and his mother have been brought to the attention of the Federal Bureau of Investigation from time to time since September, 1939, there has been no allegation of activities inimical to the interests of this country on their part. On one occasion, in fact, a representative of a civic organization reportedly made inquiry concerning him at the British Embassy, and was there advised that his status met with its approval.

With assurances of my highest regards

Sincerely yours,

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WILLIAM PATRICK HITLER INTERNAL SECURITY G. SPECIAL INQUIRY WHITE  
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Following submitted to New York Field Division by Naval Intelligence  
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HITLER, Brigid Elizabeth  
505 West 142nd Street, New York, N.Y.  
German alien, reported sister-in-law of Reichs-  
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TITLE <b>WILLIAM PATRICK HITLER with aliases: Carter Stevens, William Patrick Dowling, Patrick Dowling.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - G SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Investigation reflects subject was born 1911 at Liverpool, England, the son of ALOIS HITLER, half brother of ADOLF HITLER. Subject received his education in England and at 17 went to work for Benhan & Son, Ltd., London. Subject Hitler made numerous trips to Germany until 1932, at which time he was discharged from his position in London. He then went to Germany in October, 1933 to take a position with a department store in Berlin. Hitler was not allowed to take this position because of the German Fuehrer and was directed to see Adolf Hitler's half sister who denied any relationship on her behalf or Adolf Hitler's behalf to the subject. Subject Hitler by documents proved his relationship to Adolf Hitler and was summoned by the Fuehrer, who gave him 500 marks and placed him under the supervision of RUDOLPH HESS. Subject obtained various positions in Germany and was finally ordered by ADOLF HITLER to become a German citizen, and left Germany February, 1939 for England. After returning to England, subject Hitler came to the U.S. at the instigation of the WILLIAM MORRIS THEATRICAL AGENCY, arriving in this country March 30, 1939 on a visitor's visa. Since subject's arrival in this country, he has supported his mother by lecturing on his experiences in Germany and by writing a magazine article. Former employer advises he believes that subject would be loyal to Germany if Adolf Hitler had provided him with a good position. Confidential Informant #2, who conferred with subject Hitler regarding the writing of a book, substantiated the above statement and advised subject Hitler is capitalizing on the name of Hitler. In his opinion, the subject was never sincere about joining the Canadian army;

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and this was possibly a publicity stunt. Subject states he left Germany because of Adolf's persecution of the Catholic Church and also because he never subscribed to Nazi doctrines. Subject Hitler states he is desirous of becoming an American citizen and joining the armed forces of the United States and that all of his relatives are now American citizens. No indication subject is engaged in subversive activities. No credit record, New York City. Description set out.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter to New York Field Division dated March 20, 1942.  
(Bureau file No. 100-30811).  
New York Field Division teletype to the Bureau dated March 27, 1942.

DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon reference letter which requested that an investigation be conducted regarding the subject in this case in order to determine his background, activities, associates and loyalties. Reference letter also requested that the subject be discreetly and thoroughly interviewed for all pertinent data.

A search was made of the files of the NEW YORK TIMES NEWSPAPER MORGUE which reflected that under file #745205 there was information in various newspapers regarding subject HITLER. A perusal of this file revealed that under date line July 9, 1941 of the New York Times a "Stop Hitler First Rally" was held by the Union for Democratic Action with the cooperation of the Fight for Freedom Committee and the New York chapter of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies. It was noted that the speakers at this rally were: DR. REINHOLD NIEBUHR, presiding; HERBERT AGAR; JOHN BROPHY; ISRAEL FEINBERG; JACK ALTMAN; and WILLIAM PATRICK HITLER, 28 year old son of Adolf's half brother ALOIS.

Under date of January 30, 1941 there appeared an article in the Herald Tribune reflecting that WILLIAM PATRICK HITLER would leave the United States soon to join the Canadian air force. The article reflected further that the subject came to this country in March, 1939 and that he was a British subject born in Liverpool, England and was trained in England as an accountant. In 1933 subject HITLER received an offer of a position from the Fuehrer and lived in Germany until 1938. His mother, MRS. ERIGID ELIZABETH DOWLING HITLER, has been

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active in the British War Relief Society.

In the Herald Tribune there appeared another article, dated April 1, 1939, advising that WILLIAM PATRICK HITLER arrived in this country via the French liner "Normandie". Hitler took a room at the Buckingham Hotel, Sixth Avenue and 57th Street, New York City, where he was confined to his bed from influenza which he contracted shortly after his arrival in this country. The article further went on to say that the subject had arrived in this country in order to seek employment and that he had previously worked for 5 years at the OPEL automobile factory in Germany but that ADOLF HITLER had advised him to leave Germany.

Under date of June 30, 1941 an article carried in the New York Times reflected that the subject left June 29, 1941 to join the British forces in Canada for service abroad.

The Herald Tribune carried an article under date of March 31, 1939 that the subject had arrived in this country listed as a passenger on the "Normandie" as CARTER STEVENS. His mother married ALOIS HITLER in 1910, who is the half brother of ADOLF HITLER.

Other articles in this file reflected that the subject had on numerous occasions made lectures before various clubs regarding his stay in Germany and the contacts he had had with ADOLF HITLER and his close associates.

Confidential Informant #1 advised that he was not personally acquainted with WILLIAM PATRICK HITLER. However, he suggested two persons who in all probability were acquainted with the subject and would be able to give information concerning him. These two individuals will be carried as Confidential Informant #2 and #3 and will be referred to hereinafter as Informants 2 and 3.

Confidential Informant #3 was contacted and informed that he was not personally acquainted with subject HITLER and knew nothing concerning him other than what he had read in the newspapers.

Confidential Informant #2 advised that he was personally acquainted with the subject and had for approximately a period of 3 or 4 months consulted with him constantly in regard to the writing of a book. Confidential Informant #2 further informed that he was an author and that subject Hitler had contacted him in regard to the writing of a book concerning William Patrick Hitler's experiences in Germany and that Informant 2 was to participate in writing the book as a ghost writer while the book was to bear WILLIAM PATRICK HITLER's name as the author. In the preparation of the writing of this book, Confidential Informant #2 informed that it was necessary for him to obtain from subject Hitler his entire life history and also all information concerning his contacts and relationships with ADOLF HITLER.

Informant #2 reiterated that subject HITLER had come to this country at the instigation of the WILLIAM MORRIS THEATRICAL AGENCY, which is located at 1270 Sixth Avenue, New York City, and with offices in London, England. Hitler was put up at the Buckingham Hotel at Sixth Avenue and 57th Street, New York City, where he received a great deal of publicity and every attention possible. Informant 2 informed that evidently the WILLIAM MORRIS AGENCY did not consider HITLER as big an attraction as they thought he would be and the plans that the agency had for him were discontinued. Continuing, Confidential Informant #2 stated that HITLER then, during the winter of 1939 and 1940, became affiliated with the HAROLD R. PEAT AGENCY, INC., located at 2 West 45th Street, New York City, and through this agency Hitler made quite a few lectures regarding his experiences with his uncle, ADOLF HITLER, HIMMLER, RUDOLPH HESS and other associates of Adolf Hitler. It may be noted that William Patrick Hitler is now conducting his lectures through WILLIAM B. PEAKINS, INC., lecture bureau, at 500 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Confidential Informant #2 informed that subject Hitler took up his foreign connections with ADOLF HITLER in 1929, at which time he met the Fuehrer on numerous occasions and also HIMMLER, HESS, GOEBBELS, GOERING and other close associates of Hitler. He stated that subject Hitler also met the dancer with whom Adolf Hitler was infatuated and who later killed herself.

Confidential Informant #2 stated that the impressions he gained from talking with subject Hitler was that he, the subject, had attempted to use a mild form of blackmail against Adolf Hitler in order to secure for himself a position of importance with little work attached to the position. He continued that subject Hitler had intimated to him that this threat was to the effect that he, subject Hitler, might reveal that his father, ALOIS HITLER, had deserted his wife, BRIGID ELIZABETH DOWLING HITLER, and had left her to shift for herself; further, that in the meantime, ALOIS HITLER had married again without obtaining a divorce from BRIGID HITLER. Confidential Informant #2 stated that this blackmail had evidently succeeded in a mild way in view of the fact that subject Hitler was given a few minor jobs as a bookkeeper. However, he secured a position with the OPEL AUTOMOBILE WORKS which is a subsidiary of the GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION.

Informant 2 advised that the Gestapo took up with Adolf Hitler the fact that WILLIAM PATRICK HITLER was using his name in securing sales for these automobiles and was advised by the Gestapo to discontinue these practices. He stated further that subject Hitler was in a position to obtain rather important positions because of his name and his relationship to ADOLF HITLER. However, ADOLF HITLER would not allow the subject to secure a position in this manner and also saw to it that he obtained a job which would fit his qualifications, which qualifications were that of a bookkeeper and accountant, and for this reason, Confidential Informant #2 stated, subject was opposed to the Fuehrer.

Continuing, Informant 2 said that subject Hitler was an exceedingly lazy individual, had no initiative and constantly sought a position which paid well

with little work. In his opinion if ADOLF HITLER had secured for the subject an important position which paid well, the subject would have been an ardent Nazi and a supporter of ADOLF HITLER. However, on the other hand, Confidential Informant #2 said that Adolf Hitler refused to place his nephew in an important position for which he felt he was not qualified and saw to it that he was given lesser jobs in line with his ability and qualifications. Informant 2 informed that undoubtedly this weighed heavily in forming the subject's opinion as to Adolf Hitler.

Continuing, he said that subject HITLER was an extremely religious person which was probably due to the influence of his mother. Informant 2 stated that when he first started conferring with the subject in regard to the writing of a book that he, subject Hitler, had told him that his reason for opposing the Fuehrer and the Nazi government was due to the fact that he never subscribed to the Nazi doctrines and that being a devout Catholic he had observed with horror the attacks upon his Church. However, Informant 2 said that his secretary had told him that HITLER had on numerous occasions stopped at her desk to talk to her and had told her, "Hitler could have given me a good job if he had wanted to".

In regard to HITLER's statement that he was going to join the Canadian army, Confidential Informant #2 stated that the subject more or less used this as a threat when he found out that Informant 2 did not wish to write the book upon which the two had been conferring. To the best of his knowledge, Informant 2 said that Hitler had never gone to Canada in order to attempt to join the Canadian army. He stated that it was his opinion that Hitler's desire to join the Canadian forces was probably motivated by his mother's desire for her son to work at something and not due to Hitler's own sincere patriotism to join the Canadian army. The informant was of the opinion that this might have been a publicity stunt.

Confidential Informant #2 informed that at a cocktail party which he gave some time ago Hitler was present and met a movie actress whose name he recalled as Miss DOT MAY GOODISKY, whose present address is in care of THOMAS COOK, 9462 Wolshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. He said that the subject became very friendly with Miss GOODISKY who later introduced Hitler to Mr. EUGENE LYON of the AMERICAN MERCURY MAGAZINE. After Hitler met Mr. LYON he informed Confidential Informant #2 that he would like him, Informant 2, to sign a release regarding his participation in the writing of his book as he had conferred with Mr. LYON regarding the book. Informant 2 said that he signed the release and had heard nothing more in regard to Hitler's book.

Confidential Informant #2 stated that Hitler had lectured for some time under the supervision of HAROLD R. PEAT, INC. a lecture bureau located at 2 West 45th Street, New York City. Informant 2 verified the subject's address as 505 West 142nd Street, New York City; telephone number - Audubon 3-8135. Informant 2 advised that subject Hitler and his mother were residing at the above address under the name of PATRICK DOWLING and that if the occasion arose to contact the subject at this telephone number or address that the subject preferred that the name PATRICK DOWLING be used.

In regard to the subject's associates, Confidential Informant #2 advised that he was of the opinion that subject HITLER had very few associates other than those he had made acquaintance with in connection with his various lectures.

Mr. HAROLD R. PEAT, of the Harold R. Peat, Inc. lecture bureau at 2 West 45th Street, New York City, was contacted and he informed that subject Hitler was under his supervision for lectures. He further informed that the WILLIAM MORRIS THEATRICAL BUREAU had a working agreement with the HAROLD R. PEAT LECTURE BUREAU in that those persons who they felt they would not be able to use were turned over to the Harold R. Peat Bureau in order that they might be turned in to the lecture field. Mr. PEAT advised that he had booked approximately 25 lectures for subject HITLER but that his lectures had not been successful and that it had become necessary that HITLER find another lecture bureau who could make contacts for him. Mr. PEAT gave substantially the same information in regard to the subject's background as did Confidential Informant #2 and was unable to add anything in regard to the subject's background and associates. Mr. PEAT was of the same opinion that Confidential Informant #2 was in regard to Hitler's loyalties; that is, Mr. PEAT expressed the opinion that the subject in all probability would be loyal to the Nazi government and ADOLF HITLER if the Fuehrer had obtained a position for the subject which would have paid him exceedingly well.

Mr. PEAT further advised that as Hitler's first lecture he had booked him with a club in New York City which is known as the 101 Club and that HITLER made an exceedingly poor showing in view of the fact that in his lecture he advised that his reason for leaving Germany was not because of ADOLF's persecution of the Catholic Church but that he left in view of the fact that his uncle would not obtain a position for him in Germany. PEAT advised that he then talked to subject Hitler regarding the advisability of expressing such a reason for leaving Germany and told Hitler that he did not believe that his lectures would be favorably received if he persisted in giving this reason for leaving Germany. However, he said that in his opinion that this was the real reason why the subject had left Germany and that it was not due to the persecution of the Catholic Church and of the fact that subject Hitler did not conform to the ideals and plans of ADOLF HITLER.

PEAT advised that the subject was now lecturing under the supervision of the WILLIAM B. FEAKINS, INC., lecture bureau, located at 500 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Mr. PEAT furnished a circular regarding advertisement of subject Hitler's lectures and this circular is being made a part of the New York Field Division file in view of the fact that it contains excellent photographs of subject HITLER.

The writer telephonically contacted MRS. BRIGID HITLER in order to have the subject come to the office for an interview. She informed that her son was in Pennsylvania visiting a friend by the name of FREEMAN and that he was

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expected back on March 27 or 28, 1942. Arrangements were made for an appointment to have subject HITLER appear at the New York Field office for interview and on March 30, 1942 subject Hitler appeared at the New York Field Division and was interviewed by the writer.

Subject HITLER advised that he was born in Liverpool, England on March 12, 1911 and was educated at St. Marcy College at Liverpool and at Ashford College, Middlesex. Hitler advised that he studied accountancy and left college at 17, at which time he went to work for BENHAN & SON, LTD. of Whitmore Street, London, England. He and his mother were both employed by this concern until March, 1932, at which time both he and his mother were discharged because of the name which they bore. HITLER advised that he first went to Germany for a 2 week summer vacation in 1928 to visit his father, ALOIS HITLER, who was in Berlin at that time. Subject Hitler reported that he had had some correspondence with his father and that it was upon his suggestion that he went to Germany. At this time his father was employed in the restaurant and wine business at Berlin. Subject Hitler said that in the summer of 1929 he again visited his father, at which time they went to Nuremberg Congress of the Nazi party and that they remained for about 5 days at this Nazi rally. It was at this time, Hitler said, that he met his uncle, ADOLF HITLER.

On October 20, 1933, subject Hitler advised, he arrived in Germany of his own volition to fill a position with the DEFAKA DEPARTMENT STORE, <sup>Berlin</sup> where he took a job at 250 marks a month. Subject advised that he obtained this position through a friend in England and that when he reached Germany it was necessary for him to obtain necessary labor papers subject to the approval of ADOLF HITLER. He said that KOERNER, the economic czar of Germany, called on him and advised him that ADOLF HITLER would not allow a relative to take a clerk's job in a department store. He was then advised to get in contact with Adolf Hitler's half sister and when he did so she denied the story that there was any relationship on her part or on the part of Adolf Hitler to William Patrick Hitler. Subject advised that he then produced documents which were taken by Adolf Hitler's half sister to the Fuehrer and that he, William Patrick Hitler, was then summoned before the Fuehrer and given 500 marks and ADOLF HITLER was extremely courteous to him. He stated that the Fuehrer advised him that this 500 marks was being given to him in order to help him subsist until such a time that he was able to find a position.

At the termination of this interview with Adolf Hitler, subject advised that the Fuehrer then introduced him to RUDOLPH HESS and advised HESS that WILLIAM PATRICK HITLER was under his supervision and that he was to find him a suitable position. Subject Hitler, continuing, said that HESS promptly delegated this assignment to one of his subordinates by the name of BOWLER and that BOWLER did absolutely nothing in regard to finding him a position. Subject Hitler said that upon realizing that no position was to be provided him he secured a position with a bank at approximately \$35 a month and remained in this position for approximately 10 months. He stated that he quit his job with the bank in view of the fact that

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he was unable to provide any money for his mother who was at that time in England. Subject Hitler advised that he then secured a position with the OPEL AUTOMOBILE WORKS and that he had received the necessary O.K. from the Nazi government in order for him to fill this position with the OPEL AUTOMOBILE WORKS.

He said, continuing, that he worked as a mechanic in the automobile factory until February, 1935, at which time he secured a transfer to the sales department, at which time he took up his duties as an automobile salesman. He advised that as one of his assignments he was given a list of names of prospective buyers and that upon contacting one of these prospective buyers he learned that it was a Nazi party newspaper. Upon introducing himself as WILLIAM PATRICK HITLER the representative of the party newspaper inquired as to his relationship with the Fuehrer and subject Hitler informed that it was true, he was a nephew of ADOLF HITLER, at which time the party newspaper representative excused himself and telephoned the local police, who in turn contacted the office of Adolf Hitler. Subject Hitler was then ordered before one of Adolf Hitler's adjutants who threatened him with arrest and advised him the the Fuehrer's wrath had been incurred in view of the fact that subject Hitler had publicly claimed relationship with the Fuehrer in order to sell automobiles for the OPEL WORKS. At this time the subject informed the adjutant that he had committed no crime and that he had taken the position with Opel Automobile Works with the OK of the Nazi government and that the Fuehrer was acquainted with the fact that he had taken such a position. He further advised the adjutant that if he were arrested he intended to take the matter up with the British Ambassador.

The subject then advised that he was called before ADOLF HITLER, who was extremely cordial to him, but that he later received notice to the effect that he had been suspended from duty by ADOLF HITLER from the OPEL AUTOMOBILE WORKS.

Hitler then advised that he then returned to England for approximately 6 months in order to straighten out the affairs of his mother and that after this was completed he returned to Germany on March 30, 1938. Hitler advised that he had written his father previous to his return to Germany and requested that he advance him sufficient money for him to live in Germany until such a time that he was able to secure another job.

The subject advised that his real purpose for returning to Germany was in order to see a girl whom he had become extremely fond of. Continuing, he advised that SCHOLZ KLINK, known in Germany as the Perfect German Mother or the head of German womanhood, took a personal interest in him and secured for him a job with a brewer in Berlin. He advised that this woman invited him to various social functions and that on one occasion he attended a White Russian charity drive and that while at this function he was seen in the company of PRINCE ASHWILN and an aide of RIBBENTROP had made this fact known to ADOLF HITLER. The

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subject advised that Hitler then requested him to appear before him and after a violent argument on the part of ADOLF HITLER the subject was advised to either become a German citizen or leave Germany; that the subject had continually embarrassed the Fuehrer and it was no longer believed advisable for him to remain in Germany in view of the fact that the Fuehrer never did believe he would be a good German. Subject Hitler said that for this reason on February 1, 1939 he left Germany, being driven to the Dutch border by a friend, and from there returning to England.

Continuing, he advised that before he left Germany his mother had been contacted by the German Ambassador's office in England and had been requested to sign a document that she was voluntarily returning to Germany and that all of her expenses were being paid. He said that his mother refused to sign the document and nothing further was heard in regard to the German government desiring her return to Germany.

During the "blood purge" of 1934 in Germany, the subject advised, he was arrested by the Gestapo and held for 2 days and in his opinion the only reason he was released was because a friend of his in whose presence he had been arrested contacted the British Consulate, who intervened and caused the release of subject Hitler. He further advised that all of the time he was employed in Germany his various employers were required to submit monthly reports as to his activities and the type of work which he was doing.

Subject Hitler advised that one of his reasons for leaving Germany was in view of the fact that he was a devout Catholic and he observed with horror Hitler's persecution of the Catholic Church and, further, that he never subscribed to the Nazi doctrines.

Subject advised that he arrived in the United States on a visitor's visa March 30, 1939 on the S.S. NORMANDIE and that he had come to this country at the instigation of the WILLIAM MORRIS THEATRICAL AGENCY; that since he has been in this country he has supported his mother by conducting numerous lectures in regard to his experiences in Germany and had also written an article for the July or August, 1939 issue of LOOK magazine. He stated that he had also consulted with Confidential Informant #2 concerning a book which was to be entitled, "My Uncle Adolf" but which book had never been written, and that he had consulted with Mr. EUGENE LYON of the AMERICAN MERCURY magazine in regard to the publication of this book. However, he had been advised that if it were published at this time it would probably not be as successful as it would have been if it had been published before the start of the war.

In regard to the publicity which subject Hitler had received concerning numerous newspaper articles which referred to his joining the Canadian forces in Canada, he advised that he had never gone to Canada to consult the Canadian authorities. However, he said that he had written to the British Consul and had

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received a rather negative answer in regard to his enlistment in the Canadian forces. He said that British authorities had more or less advised him to continue his lectures. As to his plans for the future, HITLER informed that he had written the President of the United States for intercession in assisting him in gaining admission to the armed forces of this country. He further advised that he had also written that he was desirous of becoming an American citizen, if possible. The subject advised that all of his relatives were American citizens and that he had very few associates, and that the few that he did have he became acquainted with through his lectures.

The subject exhibited his draft card which indicated that he had registered under the name of WILLIAM PATRICK HITLER, giving as his address 4315 45th Street, Sunnyside, Queens, New York, on October 16, 1940 and precinct 12, ward 2 of Queens, New York.

Special Agent J. P. Martin on checking the files of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York advised that there was no credit record in regard to WILLIAM PATRICK HITLER.

The following is a description of the subject as obtained from interrogation:

Name:	WILLIAM PATRICK HITLER
Age:	31
Born:	March 12, 1911, Liverpool, England
Height:	6' 1 1/2"
Weight:	175 lbs.
Build:	Medium
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Black
Complexion:	Ruddy
Nationality:	British
Relatives:	Mrs. O. L. GOERTZ 1810 Cortelyou Road, Brooklyn, N.Y. THOMAS J. DOWLING 760 Melrose Road, Bronx, N.Y. WILLIAM S. DOWLING, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Investigation does not reflect that the subject is engaged in subversive activities.

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The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of Special agent T. B. White dated 4/1/42 at New York City are as follows:

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Confidential Informant #1 - [REDACTED], presently employed in the New York office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a translator.

Confidential Informant #2 - [REDACTED]  
New York, N.Y., who is the author of the book entitled, [REDACTED]

Confidential Informant #3 - [REDACTED]  
New York, New York,  
of the Loyal Americans of German Descent.

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Major General Edwin M. Watson  
Secretary to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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ON 12/20/85

Dear General Watson:

Reference is made to my letter dated March 20, 1942, advising that William Patrick Hitler, nephew of the German Reichsfuhrer, would be interviewed for complete data concerning himself. It is noted that Hitler had petitioned the assistance of the President in gaining admission to the armed forces of the United States.

Hitler was recently interviewed by a representative of this Bureau, at which time he advised that he was born in Liverpool, England, on March 12, 1911. He stated that his mother is Brigid Elizabeth Dowling, and that she married his father, Alois Hitler, who is the half brother of Adolf Hitler, in 1910 in London, England. A short time after this marriage Hitler's parents separated and at the present time Alois Hitler is operating a restaurant and wine business in Berlin, Germany. Hitler stated that he received his education in England, and for a time worked in London as an accountant. He informed that during the summer of 1929 he visited his father in Berlin, Germany, at which time they attended the Nuremberg Congress of the Nazi Party, and it was on this occasion that William Patrick Hitler first met his uncle, Adolf Hitler, after which he returned to England.

Hitler stated that during October, 1933, he voluntarily went to Germany where he held positions with various concerns at a moderate salary until February, 1939, at which time he returned to England. He indicated that while in Germany he was under close supervision of Adolf Hitler's subordinates. Hitler advised that

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during February, 1939, he was summoned to appear before Adolf Hitler, at which time he was told to become a German citizen or leave Germany. He stated that because his relations with Adolf Hitler had not been favorable he left Germany, and at this point, Hitler indicated that one of his reasons was the fact that he is a devout Catholic and was horrified at the persecution of the Catholic Church in Germany.

Hitler stated he arrived in the United States on March 30, 1939, aboard the SS Normandie, having come to this country at the instigation of the William Morris Theatrical Agency, which Agency has offices in New York City and London, England. Since his arrival in this country he has supported himself and his mother by conducting numerous lectures in regard to his experiences in Germany, and at the present time is residing at 505 - 142nd Street, New York City.

With respect to Hitler's letter to the President, he stated he has never actually consulted the Canadian authorities with respect to serving in the Canadian forces, although he indicated he had written to the British Consul in this connection, and had received a rather negative answer. Regarding his plans for the future, Hitler advised that he is desirous of becoming an American citizen, and of serving in the armed forces of this country. It is noted that Hitler, on October 16, 1940, registered as required by the provisions of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, as amended.

In addition to the interview with Hitler, contact was had with other individuals who have been associated with him since his arrival in this country. No information was developed to indicate that he was engaged in any activities of a subversive nature.

At this time efforts are being made to ascertain whether Hitler, while in England, was engaged in any activities which might be of interest, and if anything deemed pertinent is developed in this connection, this information will immediately be brought to your attention.

With assurances of my highest regards,

Sincerely yours,

 J. Edgar Hoover

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Dear General Watson:

Reference is made to my letter dated April 20, 1942, furnishing data appearing in the files of this Bureau concerning William Patrick Hitler. Additional information has now been received concerning Hitler's activities prior to his arrival in this country which I thought might be of interest.

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It is believed that the information set out above is particularly pertinent in view of Hitler's statements in his letter to the President to the effect that he is desirous of becoming an American citizen and of serving in the armed forces of the United States. Should any additional information of interest be received by me, the same will immediately be brought to your attention.

With assurances of my highest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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July 7, 1942

RE: WILLIAM PATRICK HITLER

Receipt is acknowledged of your memorandum number 1993 dated June 19, 1942, furnishing information regarding the captioned subject.

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My dear Sir:

Confidentially, we of this community  
are anxious to know more about  
this W. P. Hitter who is to speak in  
our High School, Thursday, Dec. 17,  
sponsored by an organization hereto-  
for unheard of.

There has never been any news about  
such an organization, nor do we  
know who comprises its member-  
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no one has heard or read anything  
concerning the speaker, which  
seems strange.

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Very truly yours,

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December 30, 1942

Oil City, Pennsylvania

Dear

This will acknowledge your letter of recent date, with newspaper clippings. It was indeed kind of you to bring this information to my attention, and your courtesy and interest in so doing are sincerely appreciated.

I must advise you that I cannot be of assistance to you relative to the inquiry contained in your letter, inasmuch as the information contained in the files of this Bureau is strictly confidential.

May I take this occasion to request that any information which you obtain and believe to be of interest to this Bureau, be communicated directly to me or to the Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 620 New Federal Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Date: January 19, 1943

To: SAC, New York

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From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: WILLIAM PATRICK HITLER  
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I am enclosing herewith for your information photostatic copies of the Alien's Personal History and Statement, D.S.S. Form 304, for William Patrick Hitler, which has been received from the Military Intelligence Service concerning William Patrick Hitler.

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It is noted that this individual was the subject of an investigation conducted by the New York Office and reflected in the closing report of Special Agent T. B. White, dated April 1, 1942, in the case entitled "William Patrick Hitler, with aliases, Internal Security - G, Special Inquiry - White House". In view of the information quoted above, you are requested to re-open this case for further investigation, under the above caption, to determine whether the subject is engaged in any activity inimical to the welfare of the United States, or should otherwise be considered for custodial detention.

Enclosure

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*Joseph A. Amak*  
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## INSTRUCTIONS

This form is used for two purposes:

- (1) It is to be completed by an alien who files an Alien's Application for Determination of Residence (Form 302). It must be filed with the first such application.
- (2) It is to be completed by every alien classified by the local board in Class I-A, Class I-A-O, Class I-B, or Class I-B-O. Each such alien is required to complete this form and return it to the local board whose address is stamped above on or before the date shown above.

The oath required by this Alien's Personal History and Statement may be administered by any civil officer authorized to administer oaths generally, any commissioned officer of the land or naval forces assigned for duty with the Selective Service System, any member or clerk of a local board or board of appeal, any government appeal agent or associate government appeal agent, any member or associate member of an advisory board for registrants, any postmaster, acting postmaster, or assistant postmaster.

Advisory boards for registrants will assist aliens in completing their Alien's Personal History and Statement. No charge will be made for this service. Information as to the location of a member of the advisory board for registrants who will assist in completing this form may be obtained from the local board office. If there is no advisory board member available, you must nevertheless complete your Alien's Personal History and Statement.

1. Make no alterations in the printed matter in this Alien's Personal History and Statement.
2. All spaces in this Alien's Personal History and Statement must be filled in with the proper words. Where ☐ appears, an X should be put in the proper ☐.
3. If you furnish additional information or affidavits with your Alien's Personal History and Statement, attach the same securely to it.
4. After this Alien's Personal History and Statement has been returned, report to your local board at once any change of address or any new fact which may affect your status.

## USE INK OR TYPEWRITER IN FILLING OUT THIS FORM

HEADQUARTERS SECOND SERVICE COMMAND

(Do not write in the space below—To be completed by Corps Area Commander (or Representative of the Navy or Marine Corps).)

Governors Island, New York

## ENDORSEMENT BY ARMED FORCES

is

OCT 1 1942

The person named in Item 1 of this Alien's Personal History and Statement is not otherwise qualified, acceptable for training and service in the ARMY

(Branch of service)

For the Commanding General

Signature

(Rank)

Lieut. Col. Inf.

Alien Sect. Pers. Dir.

# Section I.—IDENTIFICATION

1. My name is (print) William Patrick Hillier  
(First) (Middle) (Last)
2. My alien registration number is 5289105
3. I entered the United States under the name of Mr. Carter Stevens
4. In addition to the name(s) given above, I have also been known by the name(s) of (include professional names, nicknames, and aliases) I bear my mother's maiden name in private life and go under the name of Patrick Dowling  
(If none, write "None")
5. The address where I am now living is 505 W. 142nd Street Apt. 251  
New York New York New York  
(Town—City, town, or village) (County) (State)
6. I have resided at the following places in the United States:  
Buckingham Hotel, New York From April 1939 to June 1939  
(Town—City, town, or village) (State) (Month) (Year) (Month) (Year)  
New York From June 1939 to present time  
(Town—City, town, or village) (State) (Month) (Year) (Month) (Year)  
New York From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
(Town—City, town, or village) (State) (Month) (Year) (Month) (Year)
7. During the last 5 years I have lived at the following places:  
Buckingham Hotel, New York — Concord Hotel, New York  
189-18 184th Street, Jamaica, N. Y.  
26 Priory Gardens, Highgate, London, N.6.
8. I was born in (or near) Liverpool England  
(Town—City, town, or village) (State & Province—Country)
9. I was born on March 12th 1911  
(Month) (Day) (Year)
10. I am: ☒ single, ☐ widower, ☐ divorced, ☐ married. I \_\_\_\_\_ live with my wife; if not, her address is \_\_\_\_\_  
(do, do not)
11. My race is: ☒ White, ☐ Negro, ☐ American Indian, ☐ Filipino, ☐ Chinese, ☐ Japanese, ☐ other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
12. I am 6 ft. 1 in. tall, weigh 180 lb., have dark brown hair and blue eyes.  
(color) (color)

## Section II.—CITIZENSHIP

13. I am a citizen of Gr. Britain and subject of Gr. Britain  
(Country) (Country)
14. I have not filed a declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States (first papers). Declaration filed  
(have, have not) at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ under No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Place) (Month) (Day) (Year)
15. I have not filed a petition for naturalization (second papers). Petition filed at \_\_\_\_\_  
(have, have not) on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month) (Day) (Year)
16. I have not had any petition for naturalization denied. It was denied on \_\_\_\_\_  
(have, have not) at \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Court)

## Section III.—ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES

17. I last arrived in the United States at New York on March 30, 1939  
(Port or place of entry) (Date)
18. On this (last) trip, I came as a: ☒ Passenger, ☐ crew member, ☐ stowaway, ☐ other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
19. On this (last) trip, I came in by "Normandie" (French Line)  
(Name of vessel, Steamship Company, or other means)
20. On this (last) trip, I entered the United States as:  
☐ A permanent resident, ☒ a visitor, ☐ a student, ☐ a treaty merchant, ☐ a seaman, ☐ an official or employee of a foreign government, ☐ an employee of a foreign government official, ☐ other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

21. I first arrived in the United States on March 30th 1939  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

22. I have been in the following countries during the time and for the purpose indicated (list all countries, including your native land):

FROM—(Date)	TO—(Date)	Country	Purpose
<u>Nov 1 1939</u>	<u>11/5/1939</u>	<u>Canada</u>	<u>Lecturing</u>
<u>1/24/1940</u>	<u>1/26/1940</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>

23. ☒ I expect to remain in the United States permanently if possible.  
☐ I do not expect to remain in the United States permanently, but for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ years and \_\_\_\_\_ months for the purpose of \_\_\_\_\_  
 (State purpose in detail; if necessary, attach statement)

24. Have you ever been deported from the United States, or are deportation proceedings now pending against you? No  
 If so, state all facts \_\_\_\_\_

#### Section IV.—EDUCATION

25. I have received the following education:

School	Location (town and country)	Years attended	Degree
<u>Ashford College</u>	<u>Kent, England</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Intermed. 3</u>
<u>St. Margaret's College</u>	<u>Liverpool, Eng.</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>C.A.</u>
<u>Royal Socy of Arts</u>	<u>London</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Dips.</u>

#### Section V.—OCCUPATION OR ACTIVITY

26. Work status: ☒ I now have a job, ☐ I do not have a job, ☐ I am now a full-time student.

27. My present job (if any) is Lecturer, writer and radio commentator (Foreign)  
 (Give full title)  
 (For example: Construction draftsman, automatic turret-lathe operator, dairy farmhand, stationary engineer, shipping clerk, or retail clothing salesman.)

28. My present employer is I am my own employer. I engage the services of an agent.  
William B. Festina Inc., 500 Fifth Avenue, N.Y.  
 route, city, and State or Country  
 whose business is Lecturing agent and manager.  
 (For example: Dairy farm, furniture factory, construction project)

29. My usual occupation is Auditor, Lecturing and writing on my stay in Germany  
from 1933 to 1939.

30. During the past 5 years, I have been employed as follows: (If unemployed, write "None")

Employer	Employer's Address	Years Worked	Occupation
		From— To—	
<u>Reichskreditbank</u>	<u>Berlin Germany</u>	<u>1933 1934</u>	<u>Foreign correspdt.</u>
<u>Opel Car Factory</u>	<u>Frankfurt, Wiesbaden</u>	<u>1934 1939</u>	<u>assembling cars and</u>
<u>(General Motors)</u>	<u>Magdeburg, Berlin, etc</u>	<u>19 19</u>	<u>car salesman. etc</u>

#### Section VI.—MILITARY OR NAVAL SERVICE

31. My military or naval service has been as follows: (If none, write "None")

Country	Branch of service	From (Date)	To (Date)	Rank
<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>

32. I have the following living relatives who are in or have been in the armed forces of the countries named:

Name	Relationship	Country	From—	To—	Rank	Service
<u>Thomas J. Dowling</u>	<u>Uncle</u>	<u>Eng.</u>	<u>1923</u>	<u>1926</u>	<u>R.A.F.</u>	
<u>Adolf Hitler</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>Ger.</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>Corporal</u>	

33. The following persons now deceased who were related to me served in the armed forces of the countries named: (Cover period of last 30 years only)

Name	Relationship	Country	From—	To—	Rank	Service
<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>19</u>		

# Section VII.—RELATIVES

34.	Relationship	Name	Place of birth	Present address (If not living, enter "Not living")	Occupation (If none, enter "None")
Father		Alvin Hitler	Vienna	Berlin	
Mother		Brigid Elizabeth Miller	Dublin	New York	
Wife		None			
Children:		None			
Brothers and sisters:		None			

# Section VIII.—COURT RECORD

35. I have not been arrested or indicted for, or convicted of any offense, or offenses. (Do not include minor traffic violations.)

These offenses are:

Nature of offense

Date of arrest

Place of arrest

Disposition  
or sentence

# Section IX.—ORGANIZATION AFFILIATIONS

36. I am or have been, within the past 10 years, a member of, or active in the following clubs, organizations, or societies (if none, write "None"):

None

37. Within the past 10 years, I have not been affiliated with or active in (a member of, a worker for) the following organizations, devoted in whole or in part to influencing or furthering the political activities, public relations, or public policy of a government, other than that of the United States: (If none, write "None")

None

# Section X.—POLITICAL BELIEFS

38. Do you understand the principles of Government of the United States? Yes

39. Do you fully believe in the form of Government of the United States? Yes

40. Are you a believer in anarchy, or the unlawful damage, injury, or destruction of property, or sabotage? No  
Do you belong to or are you associated with any organization which teaches or advocates anarchy or the overthrow of existing Government in this country? No

# Section XI.—STATEMENT OF ALIEN

41. I do not object to service in the land or naval forces of the United States.

You are informed that if you are an enemy alien or subject of a country allied with the enemy, you will not ordinarily be acceptable for service in the land or naval forces of the United States if you indicate in Item 41 above that you object to such service. If you are a citizen or subject of any other country, you may indicate in Item 41 whether you do or do not object to service in the land or naval forces of the United States but such objection may be disregarded. If you are a citizen or subject of a neutral country, and you do not wish to serve in the land or naval forces of the United States, you may apply to your local board for Application by Alien for Relief from Military Service (Form 301) which, when executed by you and filed with the local board, will relieve you from the obligation to serve in the land or naval forces of the United States, but will also debar you from thereafter becoming a citizen of the United States.

# Section XII.—STATEMENT AND SIGNATURE OF ALIEN

42. I, William Patrick Miller, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am the person named in Item 1 of this statement, that I have read (or have had read to me) every item and every answer or edge, information, and belief.

(Signed) William Patrick Miller

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of August, 1942

Hyman Reiss

(Signature of officer administering oath)

Sotary Public

(Official position)

Instruction: If the alien is unable to read the foregoing statement in English, the following certificate will be completed and signed by a qualified interpreter:

I CERTIFY that the above alien stated to me that he could speak and understand the language, that I correctly translated the above statements into that language in his hearing and correctly translated his answers from that language into English and wrote them in the appropriate blank spaces, and that I correctly translated the oath into his language, above stated.

(Signature of Interpreter)

KTD:LVO

April 20, 1942

Re: WILLIAM PATRICK HITLER

It will be appreciated if you will furnish any information in your possession relating to the activities of William Patrick Hitler prior to the time he came to this country. (100-30811-16)

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

MAILED from [illegible]

APR 20 1942

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**ALBANY, NEW YORK**

March 25, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: WILLIAM PATRICK HITLER

Dear Sir:

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 12/20/83 BY 9145/024 gtt

I am enclosing herewith a newspaper clipping from the March 3, 1943 issue of the Albany Times-Union newspaper, setting forth an account of the speech given by the above-named individual, who is alleged to be a nephew of ADOLF HITLER, before the Albany Kiwanian group on March 2, 1943.

In connection with this subject, information was received that various individuals had commented HITLER had spoken favorably toward the German people, stating that the Germans should not be blamed for the acts of the Nazi leaders and that these individuals felt WILLIAM PATRICK HITLER should not be allowed to make a speech with such expressed sentiments.

Mr. GERALD SALISBURY, Managing Editor of the Knickerbocker News, who was present during the speech, advised that to him the speech appeared to be directed at alleviating any sentiment against the German people and that, in his opinion, this might be considered clever propaganda looking toward a possible peace movement in the future between Germany and the Allies. He stated that HITLER told several jokes which were humorous but which seemed to have as their point an attempt to put across that the German people are not behind HITLER and the Nazi leaders. Mr. SALISBURY stated that he could not see any benefit derived by the listeners from this type of speech. He stated that he had discussed this with other persons present and that some of them were in agreement with his idea and others disagreed that there was any such subtle intent.

It will be noted that the newspaper account reflects that HITLER is supposed to be working for the United States Government in broadcasting to South America. It is also stated that he is a British subject.

In view of these factors, it was thought advisable to bring this to the attention of the Bureau for whatever action may be deemed necessary.

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Very truly yours,

*A. Cornelius, Jr.*  
A. CORNELIUS, JR., SAC



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ALBANY TIMES-UNION ALBANY, NY

DATE: March 3, 1973

SUBMITTED BY: Albany Office

ENCLOSURE

100-30811-23

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

NY FILE NO. **100-21611** MOE

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK, NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4/4/44</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/6, 18/44</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[Redacted]</b>
TITLE <b>WILLIAM PATRICK HITLER with aliases Carter Stevens, William Patrick Dowling, Patrick Dowling</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER-G</b>
CLASSIFIED BY: <b>9143/et/jtl</b> DECLASSIFY ON: <b>OADR</b>			DECLASSIFIED BY: <b>[Redacted]</b> ON: <b>11/1/88</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Until inducted into Navy 3/7/44, subject (u) continued his lecture tours.

AGENCY **ICC**  
REQ. REC'D **10-18-44**  
REP'T FORW. **11-1-52**  
BY **[Redacted]**

**REFERENCE:**

Bureau file number 100-30811.

Bureau memorandum dated January 19, 1943.

Report of Special Agent dated April 1, 1942 at New York, New York.

**DETAILS:**

The following information is set forth in the subject's DSS Form 304, Aliens Personal History Statement, which is presently contained in the files of Local Draft Board 245, located at 4301 46th Street, Long Island City, Queens County, New York.

- ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE
1. Name - WILLIAM PATRICK HITLER.
  2. Alien Registration number - 5289105.
  3. Entered United States under name of MR. CARTER STEVENS.
  4. Aliases - PATRICK DOWLING.
  5. Residences in the United States - Buckingham Hotel, New York, April to June, 1939; 505 West 142nd Street, apartment 351, New York; Concord Hotel, 189-18

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <b>[Signature]</b> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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COPIES OF THIS REPORT	<b>25 APR 1944</b>	<b>EX-7</b>
COPY IN FILE 5 - Bureau 1 - Capt. W. B. Howe, DIO, 3ND 1 - Col. S. V. Constant, D. of I., 2SC 4 - New York		

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- Jamaica, New York.
7. Foreign residences during past 5 years:  
26 Priory Gardens, Highgate, London, N.6, England
  8. Place of birth - Liverpool, England.
  9. Date of birth - March 12, 1911.
  10. I am single.
  11. My race is white.
  12. My height is 6'1"
  13. My weight is 180 lbs.
  14. My eyes are blue.

Section III- CITIZENSHIP

19. Last arrival in United States, port of New York, March 30, 1939;  
S.S. Normandie, French Line
20. Entered United States at this time as visitor.
23. I expect to remain in the United States permanently if possible.

Section IV - EDUCATION

25. Ashford College, Kent, England, 5 years, degree, Intermed.  
St. Margarets College, Liverpool, England, 6 years, degree C.A.  
Royal Socy. of Arts, London, 5 years, Dips.

Section V - OCCUPATION or ACTIVITY

27. Present job - lecturer, writer and radio commentator.
29. Usual occupation - auditor, lecturing and writing on my stay in  
Germany from 1933 to 1939.
30. Employment during last 5 years:  
Reichskreditbank, Berlin, Germany, 1933-34, Foreign correspondent  
Opel Car Factory, Frankfurt, Wiesbaden, 1934-39, Assembling cars and  
car salesman.

Section VI - MILITARY OR NAVAL SERVICE

31. Military and Naval service - none.
32. Relatives who are, or have been, in the Armed Forces of the  
countries named:  
Thomas J. Dowling, uncle, England, 1923-1926, R.A.F.  
Adolf Hitler, uncle, Germany, 1914-1918, Corporal

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Section VII - RELATIVES

34. Father - ALOIS HITLER, born Vienna, present address Berlin, restaurant proprietor; mother, BRIGID ELISABETH HITLER, born Dublin, present address, New York, employment, none.

Section IX - Organization Affiliations

36. Not member of any clubs or organizations.  
37. Within the past 10 years I have not been affiliated with, or active in (a member of, a worker for) any organizations devoted in whole or in part to influencing or furthering the political activities, public relations or public policy of a government other than the United States.

Section X - POLITICAL BELIEFS

- 38, 39. I believe in and understand the principles and form of government of the United States.  
40. I do not believe in anarchy or the unlawful damage, injury or destruction of property or sabotage. I am not a member of any organization which teaches or advocates anarchy or the overthrow of existing government in this country.

Section XI - STATEMENT OF ALIEN

41. I do not object to service in the land or naval forces of the United States.

The following information was set forth in the referenced Bureau memorandum and was received from a highly confidential source: (X) (u)

" William Patrick Hitler is the son of Brigid Elizabeth Hitler and Aloys Hitler, Adolf's half-brother, who until shortly before the war was the proprietor of a Bierhaus in Berlin and does not seem to have been on very good terms with his brother. Mrs. Hitler is Irish. She married Aloys in London in 1910 and the son was born in England in the following year. Mrs. Hitler has been separated from her husband since about 1912 and has remained in this country ever since. William Patrick went to Germany after the National Socialist Revolution and was received by his uncle, Adolf, at the (X)

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"Chancellery. According to Mrs. Hitler's statement Adolf offered William Patrick a post in a German Bank, but after a year in Germany he joined a German car firm. [In 1937 and 1938, Mrs. Hitler was in touch with the German Embassy in London and was attempting to persuade them to pay her money.] In June 1938 she wrote to Karlowa, the leader of the Nazi Party in London, asking him to supply her 'with the means to take a larger house'. She wrote that her poor financial position was 'a poor reward for the part that I have played'. In September 1938, Karlowa seems to have obtained permission from Germany for the payment to Mrs. Hitler of a regular allowance but it is doubtful whether this allowance was ever paid. In November 1938, Mrs. Hitler informed Karlowa that her son 'had seen the "gentleman" in Germany' and that 'he had said it was all settled, apart from getting the final approval of someone who had not yet returned from the Sudetenland. (X)(u)

William Patrick returned from Germany in February, 1939. The only evidence we have regarding William Patrick's political sympathies is contained in a letter dated 30.1.38 written by him to Dr. Hanfstaengl, who was then in London. In this letter Hitler expressed his gratitude to Hanfstaengl for 'the courtesy you have shown me since my arrival in London and the kind spirit which prompts you to regard me as worthy of your very valuable advice'. Hitler refers to a report that he might be writing a book about 'my Uncle and Germany in an adverse manner'. He says that the report is quite untrue. 'The very keen regard which I cherish for the German people, as well as the respect I have for the Fuehrer, would always prohibit my acting detrimentally to either of them. In Berlin I assured my Father that I would not do anything I was likely to regret or be ashamed of in my conduct towards my family.' He also writes 'In view of the fact that I have never done anything to bring discredit upon my Uncle or my name, but have had always the earnest desire to prove my loyalty to him, in spite of the hardships I may have suffered, I feel that your original advice to me to stick at all costs to my name, even if I did constitute a problem by so doing, is very sound.' (X)(u)

b7c [ On January 28, 1943, [redacted] New Rochelle, New York, telephonically contacted the New York Field Division and advised that on Wednesday evening, January 27, 1943, she attended a round table conference at Milliken Theater, Columbia University. The topic of discussion was "What Shall We Do With the Germans". [redacted] stated that WILLIAM PATRICK HITLER, who was billed as Adolf Hitler's step-nephew, gave a discussion to the effect that the Germans should not be punished severely. No such treaty as the Versailles Treaty should again be imposed upon the German people. He also stated that the German soldiers were gentlemen. [redacted] stated that she considered this to be Nazi propaganda.

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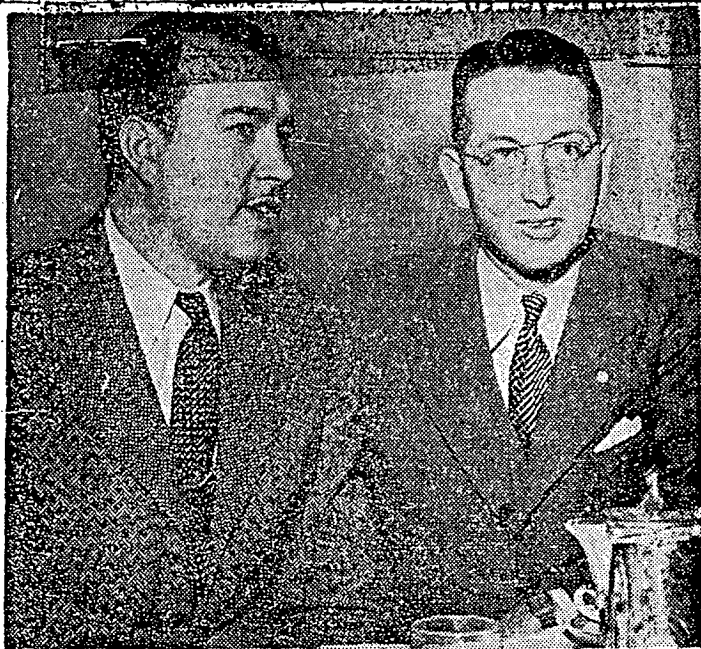
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On March 6, 1944, Local Draft Board 245, 43-01 46th Street, Long Island City, Queens County, New York, advised that WILLIAM PATRICK HITLER was inducted to the United States Navy and was sent with other Navy recruits to the Navy Recruiting Station at 88 Vanderbilt Avenue, to be assigned to boot camp.

In view of the fact that the subject is presently a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, no further investigation is being conducted.

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**HITLER IN ALBANY**—Albany Kiwanians and their guests yesterday heard Hitler speak—William Patrick Hitler, nephew of Adolph Hitler, the Nazi fuehrer. He is at left above, talking with William Spargo, vice president of the club.



**RED CROSS HISTORY**—Louise Beinetti, Red Cross representative, chats with Judge John Boyd Thacher at the Kiwanis club luncheon yesterday. Miss Beinetti spoke

# Hitler's Hand 'akes 'Saved,' Nephew Says

It may sound fantastic but some Germans so idolized Hitler they kept their hands unwashed for a week if they had the "good fortune" to shake the hand of Nazi No. 1.

This and other anecdotes relating to Hitler were told to Albany Kiwanians yesterday by William Patrick Hitler, a nephew of the German leader.

"When Hitler came into power," said the nephew, "he was actually worshiped as a God by many of his subjects. There were women who not only kept their hands unwashed for as long as a week if they shook hands with their idol, but when they did wash, they would save the water in a bottle."

## DEPRIVED OF RIGHTS

The Germans learned soon that national socialism had deprived them of what few rights they normally enjoyed but by this time, they couldn't do much about it. And only Nazi propaganda, they saw nothing of what goes on outside of Germany, young Hitler told.

The speaker said he visited Hitler personally about a dozen times when he was in Germany from 1933 to 1939. He was forced to flee Germany during one of the Nazi party purges. Now he works with the United States government in broadcasting to South America. He urged America to participate in a just peace after the war, saying the German people are more to be pitied than blamed.

"Hitler and his Nazi gangsters could be destroyed but unless we have a just peace, another war will follow," he said.

Later, in response to questions from Kiwanians, the speaker denied as "poppycock" reports of Hitler's death. Asked what in his opinion would contribute most to the speedy defeat of Germany, he replied the "round-the-clock" bombing by the RAF and American air forces.

He suspects also that Hitler is planning a "surprise" move against Allied forces in Africa.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, New York

SUBJECT: WILLIAM PATRICK HITLER, WAS  
SECURITY MATTER - G  
Bureau file 100-30811

#262244  
ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 12/20/85 BY 9145/c2/gtk

Reference is made to the teletype from the Boston Field Division to this office dated January 25, 1946 advising that HITLER is presently at Newport, Rhode Island and is due to be released.

RECORDED 100-30811-25  
The office of Naval Intelligence, in Boston, Massachusetts is conducting an investigation with reference to subject's application for naturalization and has requested copies of FBI reports in this matter.

EX-88  
There are transmitted herewith to the Boston Field Division the following reports: Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 1, 1942 at New York, New York; Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 4, 1944 at New York, New York.

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cc Boston (enclosures-2)  
SBD:HMF 1040  
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## William Patrick Hitler Rejected By U. S. Army Because of Uncle

William Patrick Hitler, of the Bronx and lately of Germany and England, has been rejected for military service because the Army does not like one of his relatives, it was learned last night. He is a nephew of Adolf Hitler.

William, who is thirty-one years old and lives at 505 West 142d Street, said last night that he was disappointed, but not surprised. "My name does make things a bit difficult," he acknowledged in clipped British accents.

"I wanted to get in the Air Force," he continued. "After all, I do know Germany, and I think I would make a very effective bombardier. I'm going to try to convince the Royal Canadian Air Force of that, now that I've been turned down here."

Young Hitler, who is a British subject, was rejected after Army officials scanned the alien questionnaire he had filled out for his local draft board. One of the questions asks whether the registrant has living relatives serving or who have served in other armies. William wrote:

"I. Thomas J. Dowling, uncle, England, 1923-1926, Royal Air Force.  
Adolf Hitler, uncle, Germany, 1914-1918, corporal."

William's mother is Mrs. Brigid Elizabeth Dowling Hitler, who was born in Dublin, Ireland. His father is Alois Hitler, Adolf's half-brother, who was born in Vienna. They separated two years after William was born in Liverpool, but Mrs. Hitler, a Roman Catholic, has never obtained a divorce.

Mother and son came to New York in 1939, after William worked for six years in an automobile factory in Germany, a job his uncle obtained for him. Since arriving here William has been lecturing, and his mother has been working for the British War Relief Society, Inc.

William, who is 6 feet 1 inch tall and weighs 180 pounds, is single. He registered for selective service in October, 1940, with Local Board 245, at 43-01 Forty-sixth Street, Long Island City, Queens. He was then living at 189-18 184th Street, Jamaica, Queens.

"The board told me four weeks ago that I had been reclassified as 1-A and would be in the Army in a month," William said. He added that if he gets a chance to enlist in the Canadian Army he will change his name. "It only costs 50 cents," he said. "Hitler is a rather uncomfortable name, you know."

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